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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Responses
to the Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence

The enclosed memorandum with its attachment from
the Chairman, National Foreign Intelligence Board, is
circulated for information and guidance.



WALTER ELDER
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD PRINCIPALS

FROM : George Bush
Chairman

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Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Reference is my attached memorandum to Members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence, subject as above, in which I provide for a mechanism to assure proper coordination of responses to the Senate Select Committee on matters which involve more than one intelligence organization and for enabling identification of problem areas in which policy guidance is needed.

2. You already have named a representative to the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group in response to the 4 August memorandum from the Acting D/DCI/IC.

3. Your full cooperation in the program described in the attached memorandum is requested.



George Bush

cc: CFI Members

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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

FROM : George Bush
Chairman

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Responses to the Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Discussion among representatives of the NSC Staff and a number of elements of the Intelligence Community has indicated interest in an improved mechanism for assuring proper coordination of responses to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which involve more than one intelligence organization and for enabling identification of matters on which policy guidance is needed.

2. Accordingly, I have charged [redacted] USN, my Deputy for the Intelligence Community, to serve as a focal point for this, and I have appointed [redacted] [redacted] USAF (Ret.), Special Assistant to the D/DCI/IC, as Chairman of an Ad Hoc Coordinating Group.

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3. This Coordinating Group already has been organized on the basis of a 4 August memorandum to NFIB Principals from the Acting D/DCI/IC. It is requested that each CFI member also designate a representative.

that each CFI member and each NFIB Principal forward to the Chairman, Ad Hoc Coordinating Group, a copy of each request received from the Senate Select Committee or one of its subcommittees. This will enable the D/DCI/IC to identify instances in which the same request is being made to a number of organizations. In such instances the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group can be used to assure that separate intelligence organizations are not working at cross purposes in their responses.

5. It is also requested that each CFI member and each NFIB Principal identify to the D/DCI/IC any problem areas in which it is considered policy guidance would be helpful. I will assume responsibility for obtaining such Executive Branch policy guidance as may be required.

6. I already have pledged my full support to the Senate Select Committee, and I believe the Intelligence Community must be responsive to the Committee. My designation of the D/DCI/IC as the focal point and establishment of the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group is not intended to orchestrate or control responses to the Committee by Community organizations, but to assure that there is counsel and coordination where and when needed.

7. I recognize that in some instances the Senate Select Committee will solicit information or responses from offices that are not a part of the Intelligence Community structure. One example is the Committee request for information comparable to that in the periodic reports that must be submitted to the Intelligence Oversight Board. Accordingly, I am writing separately to the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and the Attorney General proposing that our Inspectors General and General Counsels consult as appropriate on matters of joint interest regarding responses to the Senate Select Committee which do not fall within the responsibilities of the members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence or of principals of the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

8. It could well turn out that policy matters involving the Committee on Foreign Intelligence could develop in the course of our relationships with the Senate Select Committee, and I solicit your attention to the possibility of such.


George Bush

cc: NFIB Principals